

"The Lamp of the Body!"

Luke 11:33-36 – Parable of the lighted lamp!

1. The purpose of light is to actually light up and expose all darkness!

- Verse 33
- The entire point of having light is to show the light...not to hide it! The light makes darkness disappear!
- Luke 8:17 Not only will everything be brought to light, but God's Truth will be revealed one day and all will know!
- How does a person receive the light? Luke 8:18 it's all in how you HEAR and SEE!
- When someone chooses to <u>hear</u> Jesus' teaching and honor Him by obeying it, then they will <u>receive and see</u> what He is doing in their life! Remember Proverbs 4:18!!!!!!
- <u>Example</u>: When you live out these next verses in your life...you will receive the light of Jesus! The knowledge of the Truth! <u>Romans 10:17</u> / <u>James 1:22</u> / <u>Matthew 7:24-28</u>
- <u>A person's response to the light in this life is crucial! Why?</u> Because, at the Throne of Judgment on <u>THAT DAY</u>, there will be no more opportunity to embrace truth and change your status! You must do it now!
- Revelation 20:11-15 See, the BOOKS are already filled out by Judgment time!
- <u>The books are filled out every day while you live now!</u> On Judgment Day, the Books will be revealed and read! The Books will be what people <u>actually chose to do each moment</u> of each day with their life!
- What God wants you to do is to allow Jesus into every area of your life, and t<u>hen when</u> you do that, you will be able to live out and fulfill this verse in Psalms 139:16!!!
- This is the Book in Psalms with what God WANTS you to do!
- <u>The Books in Revelation</u> will be the Books on <u>what you actually did</u>! (See how Judgment will work! You against You!)
- The warning: Those people who put off the light of Jesus or even mock Him will lose all light for eternity! Matthew 25:29 is that warning to all!

2. The Lamp of the Body...your Eyes!

Luke 11:34

- Verse 33 spoke of a lamp which is the Word of God...the light which enters through your ears! Verse 34 speaks of your eyes...the entrance for light to come into your body!
- What you see and entertain with your eyes is where your body ends up!!!
- Verse 34 "when your eye is bad or unhealthy..."
- The issue and problem is in their perception of Jesus! It's definitely not a lack of light!
- They <u>CHOOSE</u> not to want to see! <u>Why?</u> Because they <u>CHOOSE</u> not to hear!
- Back to the last 3 weeks in Luke 11...they do not need a sign, they actually need hearts that would believe and not have unbelief in Jesus!
- Their eyes were not on Jesus, but rather their way of life and status!
- They chose to not believe what they had just seen by Jesus!

A. The eyes are the receiver for receiving light and images!

- Jesus is saying both physically and spiritually here!
- If the eyes are healthy, then the person can see and receive the light, and then distinguish the right images! (Both physical and spiritual)
- If the eyes are bad, then darkness is what the person sees and will prevail in their life!
- There are <u>3 main areas</u> that are the LAUNCH PAD for all sin! <u>John 2:16</u>! "<u>a CRAVING for</u> <u>everything that we SEE / the LUST of the EYES</u>..."

3. We must be very careful what we choose to view and take into our lives!

- <u>Fact</u> How you view life is how you will do life!
- <u>Your eyes</u> are like the lens of a camera that allows light in, and shows you images while leaving their impressions on the film of your mind!
- If the images are ungodly and sinful, it will cloud and fog your mind and sight to do right! It literally corrupts your heart and mind on what is right! Isaiah 5:20-21 / Proverbs 14:12!
- It all boils down to 2 Timothy 4:3 and James 4:17 in these last days!
- A very powerful example of this is what Jesus stated in Matthew 5:27-28! Since you saw and thought on it...you are already there! This is how it works!
- The answer is found in Proverbs 4:23 and Job 31:1! It's really **your choice** on whether or not you are allowing the LIGHT to come in or Darkness to come in!

4. People's spiritual eyes must be set on Jesus!

- Hebrews 12:2 <u>Spiritual eyes</u> = your attitudes, desires and motives
- When your spiritual sight is on God and looking at God, then it allows God's Word to bring blessing, benefits, character traits and outward evidence from an inward sight of God! (*Character flaws are evidence that your eyes are on the wrong thing*!)
- God's revelation and truth only have an effect IF the heart is willing to receive it!

Closing: God's Ultimate Goal is for your whole body to shine light! Every area of you!

- Luke 11:36
- It is all in how you respond to the Bible...God's Holy Word! Do you love it or reject it?
- **Philippians 2:12-16**! This is the picture that God wants us to be...to shine!!!!